

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks.

The Notice of Allowability indicates that all pending claims, i.e., claims 1-12, have been allowed. Claim 5 is amended to correct an inadvertent informality.

The claim amendment presented herein does not relate to the stated "primary reason for allowance [which] is the claim limitation for an exposure compensation value calculated in accordance with the detected maximum value of the one-dimensional data and adding the exposure compensation value with the average brightness value." (See Notice of Allowability- Detailed Action, page 2, ¶1.)

Moreover, amended claim 5 is similar to allowed claim 1, adding the further recitation of "a recording medium," and is believed to be none-the-less allowable for at least similar reasons.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment prior to issuance.

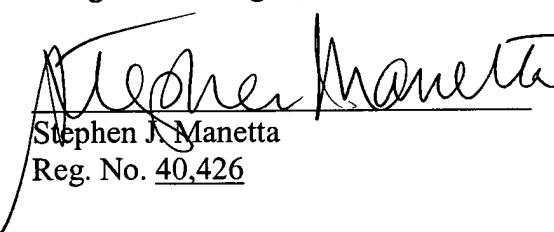
AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees for filing this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5159.

Respectfully submitted,
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